

REMARKS

Applicants are pleased to learn of the allowance of claims 1, 5, 14-17, 20-36, and 38-41 and appreciate the Examiner's careful review of this case.

Claims 1-64 are currently pending in this application, with Claim 1 being in independent format. Claims 19 and 37 have been canceled. In the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, the Examiner restricted the claims into the following six Groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-46 (Cellulose Ester)
- Group II: Claims 47-54 and 59-60 (Coating Composition)
- Group III: Claims 55-56 (Pigment Dispersion)
- Group IV: Claim 57-58 (Radiation Curable Coating)
- Group V: Claim 61-62 (Ink Composition)
- Group VI: Claim 63-64 (Waterborne Composition)

In addition, the Examiner indicated that the Application discloses the following five species groups:

- Group A: Claims 2-10 (C₃-C₄ Ester)
- Group B: Claims 11-13 (Acetyl)
- Group C: Claims 18-19 (Hydroxyl)
- Group D: Claims 48 and 51 (Additive)
- Group E: Claims 63-64 (Water-Soluble Resin)

Applicants would like to point out that Claim 1 is generic to all of the pending claims, because all the claims expressly or by dependency include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Therefore, once generic claim 1 has been allowed, all withdrawn claims should be rejoined and allowed. Since Claim 1 is now allowed, Applicants request that withdrawn claims 2-4, 6-13, 18, and 42-64 be rejoined and allowed.

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